

COX HINDERS TRAFFIC REFORM, SAYS T. P. SHONTS

"Big Man" of Inter-Met. Excuses Failure to Keep Promises.

NEW SUBWAYS BLOCKED

If Belmont Can't Have Them, How Are They Going to Be Operated?

Now that the wedding is over Theodore F. Shonts, the \$50,000-a-year president of the \$225,000,000 Interborough Metropolitan Company, controlling the transportation of Manhattan and the Bronx, was asked today by The Evening World to chronicle his accomplishments of the past year as a solver of the big transit problems of the city.

Mr. Shonts was found at his desk on the seventeenth floor of No. 117 Broadway, in the handsome suite of offices held in the name of the Inter-Met. Company. The former chairman of the Isthmian Canal Commission and the biggest man Thomas F. Ryan and August Belmont could find to head their merged interests, was not in the cheerful mood of a year ago when questioned in regard to tracons.

Year Ago and Now.

I was explained to Mr. Shonts that The Evening World a year ago had heralded him before the public as a man who had done things in transit spoken of him as a big man for a big job. He was asked to take the public into his confidence again and speak of his accomplishments.

Mr. Shonts's attention was called to the fact that just a year ago the following were his utterances:

"One-twentieth of all the people of the United States live in New York City, and its growth in population is at a rate five times greater than that of the rest of the country. At the outset, I wish to make it plain that I have no sympathy with any of the so-called 'one-way' policy. Earnestly and honestly, we are endeavoring to transport the people who travel in this town with safety, comfort and speed.

"Preliminary study of the situation leads me to the opinion that the quickest means of relieving the congestion of traffic lies in the reasonable restriction of street traffic so as to give more leeway to the surface cars. Two additional tracks on the Second Avenue 'L' to relieve the Bronx congestion, and side doors in the Subway cars, if some of the stations now built on curves can be so adjusted that there will be no danger in unloading. And, finally, the construction of additional subways as fast as the traffic demands.

Didn't Want Privileges.

"It should be understood, however, that the Interborough Metropolitan Company is not asking extraordinary privileges. We want to make use only of those to which we are rightfully entitled and with the proper application of these we expect to bring about many reforms in the transit system.

"One of the insistent demands of the New York public, with which we intend to comply, is the placing of a seat for every passenger traveling in public conveyances. When we introduce the car-full-of-no-repassengers rule I am afraid that it shall have difficulty in enforcing it.

"Many of the evils of the present transit system in New York are bound to be wiped out. All of the many sources of popular complaint will be taken up in regular order and every possible remedy will be applied with the least possible loss of time. I hope soon to have prepared a comprehensive plan for the laying out of new routes, which will afford relief in transportation for at least the next fifty years, a plan that will dovetail with present conditions and meet those of the future."

Hasn't Done Much.

How have these pledges been kept? The public well knows. Nothing has been done.

"What have I done? Not a great deal, it is true, but I have not been permitted to accomplish what I hoped. I mean that the credit of the company has been so viciously assailed that we could not get any money. I have a right to feel discouraged. How can I be doing things when the props are being continually knocked from under him?

"Looks a bit brighter now. I have been having some long talks with Willcox. He is beginning to see things right. More reasonable. The continual pounding of the tracons does not help their credit. I told Willcox that I would let up there might be a chance for some construction.

"The public does not discriminate between the Metropolitan and the Inter-Met. When the last talk on Metropolitan the ride is made on Inter-Met. Money alone is needed to improve traffic conditions in New York. If you cannot get money there is no construction. Even New York City has difficulty in getting the funds which it needs.

New Subway Out of Question.

"New subways at this time, are quite out of the question. I have sent estimates to Willcox which go to show that the cost of a new subway will be twice the cost of the present subway. Who is going to finance such an undertaking? The city? No. The Inter-Met? Hardly. In fact, things are at a standstill in regard to new subways.

"I have made some memoranda of what the Inter-Met can do at the present time, and sent it over to Willcox. Not a great deal, but something.

"If the pounding of the financial side of the corporation continues we will not even be able to do this. I do not care to announce what I have offered to do until the time is ripe.

"Extensions? No. I won't even give a hint as to a guess. Maybe I am more disappointed than any one else at the very little I have done in the past year."

The "Willcox" Mr. Shonts talks at is Chairman William R. Willcox, of the Public Service Commission. From Mr. Shonts's point of view, no good can come from a further probe of the tracons of Metropolitan, and he intimates that he has brought the quiet little man who heads Gov. Hughes's commission to his way of thinking.

But the original question will not down—"What has Shonts done?"

A POPULAR SONG HIT.

In "The Old Band and the Counter," Lew Fields's musical comedy, at the Herald Square, they sing "If You'll Walk With Me." It is the hit of the show. It is given in the Magazine Section of next Sunday's World—words and music. Order early.

27 LUSTY MINERS FOUGHT DEATH IN DEEP PIT AND WON

When Buried by Coal Slide in Pennsylvania Mine They Got to Work With Shovels.

MET THEIR RESCUERS.

One Man of 28 Imprisoned Fell Down a Chute and Killed—All Others Got Out Alive.

SHAMOKIN, Feb. 18.—All but one of the twenty-eight men and boys who were entombed yesterday in the Mid-Valley Colliery were rescued early today. Frank Orloskie, a miner of Mid-Valley, fell down a chute after the accident and was killed.

The men were entombed by a number of pillars of coal running, causing a gangway to close in. When they were imprisoned they gathered in a long well ventilated gallery and made plans as to the best means of digging their way through the blockade. All the miners had picks and shovels and began work without delay.

While thus engaged a force of several hundred men were working from two points on the outside.

These frequently as they made progress in digging gave signal raps on the steam pipe running through the drift. The signals were finally heard and answered by the entombed men. The latter made known the fact that the air in the colliery was pure, and that they were working vigorously to free themselves.

This reassured the workers, and a throng of mourning relatives and friends of the buried men who had gathered at the mine, fearful that the victims were all dead.

All through the night as the rescuers worked, talk by signals was kept up with the imprisoned men, and the progress made, inside and out, made known to both parties. So encouraging were the conditions that some of the relatives and friends went home last night, and when the buried men were reached at dawn today, there were few to greet them and cheer the rescuers.

When the rescuing party penetrated to the entombed men it was found that the men had dug for a great distance through the fall of coal.

The men quickly made their way to their homes showing no bad effects of their experience. They had been buried twenty-four hours.

WOMAN DEAD IN RACEWAY MAY BE MISSING MRS. NEEL.

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 18.—The body of a woman, believed to be that of Mrs. Pauline Neel, of No. 533 River street, who disappeared from her home on Friday last, was found floating in the raceway at Prospect street today. The description answers that of Mrs. Neel, for whom search has been made. Relatives of the missing woman were notified.

24 FAMILIES PUT IN PERIL BY A FIREBUG

Blaze in Harlem Tenement "Deliberate Incendiarism," Says Battalion Chief.

"A Deliberate Attempt at Incendiarism"

cried Battalion Chief O'Connor after his men had put out a fire in the cellar of the big tenement house No. 216 East One Hundred and Twenty-second street early this morning.

Smoke, which was plainly impregnated with fumes of oil, filled the house and smoke and drove out, helter skelter, the twenty-four families who occupy the six floors. A passing citizen first saw the smoke wreathing from the cellar and sent in an alarm.

Lieut. Jackson brought the reserve from the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street police station and they rushed the firemen for a while. After the fire was out Chief O'Connor found the woodwork in the cellar smeared profusely with oil. He notified Capt. Walsh, of the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station, who sent three detectives in search of the wood and coal dealer. O'Connor also notified the fire marshal.

A man whose name nobody seemed to know kept a wood and coal shop in the cellar. It was locked, but he was not there. The dense, stifling smoke knocked the firemen for a while. After the fire was out Chief O'Connor found the woodwork in the cellar smeared profusely with oil. He notified Capt. Walsh, of the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station, who sent three detectives in search of the wood and coal dealer. O'Connor also notified the fire marshal.

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CHARLES E. WOOD, RICH REAL ESTATE MAN, DEAD.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Col. Charles E. Wood, a millionaire real estate operator and senior member of the Wood-Harmon Company, a corporation with branches in twenty-six cities, died of Bright's disease at his residence here yesterday. He was born in Toledo, O., fifty-six years ago, and had been a resident of Washington for fourteen years. Mr. Wood was a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason.

50 Fathoms Deep

WAY down on the bottom of the sea under three hundred feet of water is the favorite home of the codfish. The ice-cold water of Norway and the North Atlantic is his joy. He has the power to grow fat under severe surroundings. The same natural power is in

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Three different models are shown from which you can make your selection in

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Coats on the Prince Chap order, 4-button effect, some strapped, others lapped seams—full plaited skirts trimmed with one fold.

Well tailored inside and out. Coats full satin lined throughout.

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LADIES' SUITS. In Both Stores.

Tailored Suits, Spring models, Made of the latest fabrics, 32.50

Princess Dresses made of Taffetas silk, stripes and plain colors. 18.50

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Best quality, pure Silk, Satin Taffetas Ribbon. 4 3/4 inches wide. Complete assortment of colors and black and white. 37c per yard value 52c

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1,500 Imported and Domestic Mounted Back Combs. Hand carved, gilt or set with jewels. 1.50 former price 2.50 to 8.75

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Russet Cowhide Bags. Saddler sewn, leather capped corners. English locks and catches. Leather lined, with inside pocket. Sizes 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 inches. 5.00 value 6.50 to 8.50

A complete stock of travelling accessories, including Trunks, Bags, Valises and Dress Suit Cases, with or without fittings, Steamer Chairs, etc.

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Exhibition of Embroideries, including many new designs in edgings, insertions, flouncings and all-overs.

On Wednesday, February the 19th.

White Muslin Embroideries, 4 1/2 yard lengths. Various widths and patterns. 15c to 75c per yard value 30c to 1.50 per yard

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Dresses made of fine white lawn and figured dimity. Princess model with low neck and short sleeves, as well as Russian Dresses of pink and blue gingham. Sizes 2 to 5 years.

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A complete stock of fine hand-made Guimpes. Size 2 to 14 years. 1.25 to 2.25

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A quantity of Rugs secured from the estate of the late H. S. Tavshanjian at half their usual prices.

Fine Kermanshah Carpets, 2.25 per square foot.

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A Stupendous Bargain in Women's Silk Coats

Alterations Free

Just 250 of these exquisitely made Silk Coats in the latest and most stunning Spring model—2 inches long, fully trimmed with fine silk broad fabric, Persian vest and lined throughout with fine black satin. All sizes in the lot. You'll never get as good a value again this season at this exceptionally low price.

4.98

This Coat, \$4.98

\$25 to \$40 Sample Fur Lined Coats reduced to

Just 65 in the lot and every one a dandy bargain—an opportunity of a lifetime to secure a rich fur lined coat at an inexpensive figure.

They're made of strictly all wool CHIFFONIER BROADCLOTH lined with a superb quality PERSIAN ERMINES. ALL SIZES. FUR—with shawl collar of brown or black Alaska Lynx—cut very full; every size—in black, brown or red—on sale to-morrow at.....

9.98

for choice of 250 Suits, formerly priced at from \$18 to \$22.50 each. ALTERATIONS FREE.

These Suits are made from rich, all-wool Chiffon Broadcloth, in a pleasing diversity of styles, trimmed with fine silk braid, or plain tailored—lined throughout with rich satin; extra full skirts, plaited wide fold—all shades and sizes.

Wednesday's Tempting Bargains in Girls' Dresses

An extraordinary feature will be a special lot of 700 Wash Dresses—They're pretty, nicely made from fancy check gingham; Dutch or high neck; kimono or long sleeves; plaited waist; broad trimmed; full skirt with deep hem. Sizes 1 to 14. On Friday

44c

450 Sample Dresses

Worth all the way from \$2 to \$4.50.

These dresses are made of woven chambray, light blue or tan butcher linen, white emb. Swiss or lawn; jumper-suspender, surplice or high neck styles; box pleated waist; linen piped; straps over shoulders or emb. and lace trimmed—ready made or made to order. Full sizes 8 to 14 (no small or extra sizes)

1.00

\$6.50 Chiffonier, \$3.98

Highly polished (exactly like cut), with heavy panel ends and double top, with cast brass handles; special at

3.98

1,000 Box Seat Dining Chairs

high banister back, quartered oak and polished, fine cane seat, value \$2.75; sale price

1.50

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72x90 Sheets

1,000 Centre Seamed Bed Sheets, 72x90, perfect finish, clean, fresh, worth 50c. each. Special, from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M. each

33c

Lace Curtains

GROSS STRIPE CURTAINS in all the newest colored stripes full length; regular value 89c; to-morrow at

33c

GERMAN LACE CURTAINS—Klein Point, Cluny and Brussels styles, 3 1/2 yds. long and 36 to 64 inches wide; shown in beautiful patterns; value \$2.00; pair

1.66

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50 INCH IMPORTED SPOT PROOF BLACK BROADCLOTH; value \$2.00; at

1.69

20 INCH ALL SILK SATIN STRIPED TAFFETA SILK in a choice range of the popular shades; value 60c; special at

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27 INCH ALL SILK TUSSEH PONGEE in the natural brown shade; value \$6.00; at

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98c